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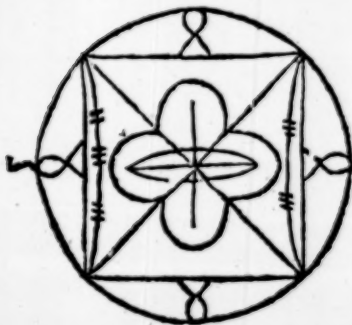
PARLIAMENT

By the

HONOURABLE,
Denzill Hollis, Esq.

On *Wednesday*, the 5 of *January*,
1641.

In Answer to the seven Articles of High Treason,
exhibited by his Maies^{ty} against himselfe,
Mr. *Pym*, and the rest.



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Master

HOLLIS

His

SPEECH

Concerning the *Articles* of
High Treason against himselfe and
the rest.

Mr. Speaker,

THAT man is no true Christian, nor loyall
subject that cannot willingly submit him-
selfe to undergoe, either the displeasure of his
Soveraigne, or any other trouble of affliction
imposed upon him, in the defence of true Re-
ligion, and the lawes of his Countrey. Mr.
Speaker, my selfe, with the rest of those Gen-
tlemen accused, desires under favour of this
Honourable House, to speake something of
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these Articles of Accusation.

Mr. Speaker, treason is the hainous crime that can be alledged against any subiect, the name of a traytor must needs bee odious to all true Protestants and obedient subiects: you know the sentence, sir, of holy writ, Rebellion is as the sin of Witchcraft, and obedience is better then sacrifice, what can bee more acceptable to God, then reall performance of his precepts and commandments, what can be truer signe of faithfull and willing subiection to a Prince, then cheerefully submitting to his Royall Commands, either by suffering punishment for refusing the same, if against our Religion and Country, or performance of the same, although to the hazarding of our lives and fortunes, give me leave I beseech you to adde something in my defence, in clearing of my selfe, touching those Articles exhibited against me, to those learned speeches of the other Gentlemen, already made concerning the same, which I hope is sufficient to cleare us all, yet notwithstanding I desire to speake something, onely touching my selfe.

I hope this Honourable House hath taken sufficient notice of the manner of my carriage in all the busineses whatsoever, which I have had the Happiness and Honour to be one imployed in the same: It is a strange thing as I conceive, under favour that
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that any Member elected and admitted in a free Parliament; and in the same altogether, agreeing both in debate and Vote with the whole Counsell of State; should be accused, onely as an ill-affected person to his King and Country, but as a Traytor to the same.

If Members of a Parliament, freely called by his Majesties Royall power and Authority, freely chosen by the severally Counties, Cities, and Boroughs, of his Majesties Kingdome, and met together onely to consult and consider of such things that have beene disordered in the Common-Wealth, as well in Church as State; to rectifie and set in a right frame, the distempers of the same, to redresse and relieve the manifold oppressions and tyrannies exercised in this Kingdome, by wicked and pernicious persons; to bring to deserved punishment such miscreants and Caitiffs, troublers of the *Israel* of God, procurers of discontent & disaffection, betwene the King and his Liege people, Innovators of true Religion: If these members *Mr. Speaker*, may be reputed and taken, nay charged and affirmed to be the betrayers of their King and native Country, then can I not discerne that there can be any safety or security in any Parliamemary proceedings. To which I conceive *Mr Speaker*, is not agreeable to the Tenents and rules of Divine Scripture, which positively concludeth that in

the multitude of Counsellors there is peace, if peace may be expected from a multitude of Senators, wise and learned men, then I must conclude peace and security is to be hoped for, from the proceedings, Counsels, and consultations, of the great and numerous Assembly, of Judicious and learned persons, contracted from all parts of his Majesties Kingdome, in one tyre body.

Mr. *Speaker*, can Treachery or disloyalty be once thought or conceived, to be in the hearts of any of these, who are intrusted by their whole Country, who have put themselves and all theirs, to their judgements and wisdoms, who are resolved even with the losse of their lives and fortunes, to defend and maintain such statutes and Lawes, as by them shall be Enacted, and made with the Royall assent and confirmation of their Sovereigne, for their good tranquillity in the common affaires of the State, for the defence and maintenance of the true Religion, and their just rights and priviledges, can these I say Mr. *Speaker*, be suspected to be the onely betrayers and destroyers of the Lawes of the Kingdome, of the liberty of the Subject, of Religion, and the true Doctrine and discipline thereof.

Mr. *Speaker*, I doe verily beleve that his sacred Majesty, of himselfe hath no thought or any way conceived, any such opinion of any
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of the Members of this House, I rather thinke it is ouely through the Information of ill minded persons buzzing in his Majesties ears, our secret aymes and evill intents against his Kingdomes; but rather as it hath beene made apparent to all men to prevent dangers, and the malicious designs of the adversaries and Enemies of the State, that have set themselves with all the force and power that might be, to bring to confusiou and utter distruction his Majestie and all his Realmes, over which hee hath rightfull Dominion, to place themselves in power and authority in the same, to make such Constitutions and Ordinances, as to themselves shall seeme meet to establish and set up such a false and Erronious worshiping of Almighty God in his Church, as they according to their own invention thinke most sutable to their owne fancies and desires. Because we endeavour Mr. *Speaker* to nullifie and bring to nought these their malignant and unlawfull practises, against God his Christ, against his sacred Majesty and the whole State, against all the wholesome Lawes made by the same, for the government thereof, in righteousness and holy obedience to God, their Prince, and their Country. Therefore doe they worke and endeavour what in them lyes, to cast aspersions upon our good proceedings against themselves, and other evill and perverse spirits,

spirits, leaning on them altogether, devoted to their cause, to incense and provoke as much as they can, his Royall Majesty against us and our endeavours, so that I confidently beleieve unless we proceede with speed unanimously with one consent, as well of the Lords as our selves, to bring to tryall and judgement these evill doers, these molesters and troublers, and hinderers of our happy prosecution in finishing and bringing to a blessed end our good designs, we must never expect any conclusion or confirmation of any Law or Act, tending to the perpetuall settlement of true Religion, or in that blessed and happy estate of peace and unity amongst our selves, Trafficke and Society with forraigne Princes and States, that same honour and glory of the Kings of this Land, and all those Dominions under his Jurisdiction and Royall subjection, as formerly we have enjoyed.

And thus much Mr. Speaker of that which I had to say concerning these Articles, humbly desiring I may have speedy Triall upon the same, and as I shall be found guilty or innocent, I willingly shall submit my selfe and actions, to the sentence and judgement of this great and High Court of Parliamentt.

FINIS.